- (c) whether any concrete safety measures along with a modernisation plan have been drawn up for the colliery:
  - (d) if ao, the broad features thereof; and
  - (e) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b), the management of Chasnalia Colliery Complex has taken all safety measures, required statutoritly and other-wise, for the safety of workers (and they will continue to be taken). As a result. there has been a significant reduction in the number of accidents in the complex. Details of reduction in number of accidents over the past two years are given below:

<i>year</i>	Fatal Accidents	Serious Accidents	Reportable Accidents
1990	Nil	13	100
1991	1	7	47
1992(Upto Feb)	Nil	3	7

- (c) and (d), the Chasnalla Underground Mine, work on development of which is on, has hazards of water inundation, gassiness and roof and/or side wall collapse. Necessary preventive measures/steps like drilling of bore holes for tapping water from old workings, environmental telemonitoring of ventilation system and use of hydraulic supports, etc. have been taken in the mine...
- (e) Does not arise. 1/7. 15 \* 1

**Buddhist Tourist Centres in Bihar** 

5098. SHRI BARE LALJATAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme was formulated to develop Buddhist tourist Centres in Bihar with the assistance of Japan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and since when the work on these schemes is going on and the stage of work at present;

- (c) whether the work of these schemes is being delayed; and
  - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHIR MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A Loan agreement was signed between the Government of India and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan on 15th December, 1988 for an integrated development of infrastructure facilities on the identified Buddhist Travel circuit in UP and Bihar at a total project cost of Rs. 220. 43 crores out of which Japanese assistance of 9. 244 bullion Yen (approximately Rs. 100 crores) would be made available by the OECF. The main components of the project are development of National and State Highways, construction of hotels and wayside amenities, landscaping, augmentation of water and electricity supply, import of cars and coaches and augmentation of telecommunication facilities the project commenced in December, 1988 and is expected to be completed by December, 1993. The work is in progress on the road and telecommunication sectors. However, the progress of work in Bihar is slow because of delay in finalising the technical details and release of funds from the State budget.

# Oveelopment of Tourism in A and N Islands

5099 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Union Government have formulated any plan for development of tourism in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and
- (b) if so the details of the infrastructure facilities proposed to be provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been identi as a destination for development of tourism. On the ficid of the projects along with the estimates received and at the request of the Union Territory administration, projects/schemes amounting to Rs. 48.32 lakhs have been sanctioned for augmentation of tourism infrastructure during 1991.92

#### [Translation]

#### International Airport at Nagpur

5100 SHRI GOVIDRAO NIKAM SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to

construct an international airport in Nagpur, Maharashtra,

- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA) (a) No, Sir

- (b) Does not arise
- (c) The existing five international airports viz, delhi Bombay, Caluctta, madras and Trivandrum are considered sufficient to cater to current traffic needs.

### [English]

## **Expansion of Bhubaneswar Airport**

5101 SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK WIII the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND YOURISM be pleased to state

- (a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of Bhubaneswar airport, and
- (b) if so, when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Extension of the runway and expansion of the facilities at the airport will be taken up in a phased manner from 1992-93 onwards

#### Notional Bill Introduced by DESU

5102 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES
Will the Minister of POWER AND NONCONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be
pleased to state